

FRIENDS OF MUSIC SEE NO RIFT IN LUTE

Memorial Concert Will Take
Place on April 13, Says
Mrs. Lanier.

BETHOVEN IS RETAINED

Report of Clash Over German
Music at U. S. Soldiers'
Requiem Denied.

In answer to the question whether it was true or untrue that there was a likelihood of knocking at the door of a probability—one woman had expressed it—that the concert planned by the Society of the Friends of Music as a memorial to American dead in the war and scheduled to be heard at Carnegie Hall on April 13, with Arthur Bodansky conducting, might not come off at all Mrs. James P. D. Lanier said yesterday:

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Mrs. Lanier is president of the Society of the Friends of Music.

A learned critic once upon a time wrote thus of the Society of the Friends of Music:

"The old time Republican orator used to brighten the dulness of political campaigns by declaring in stentorian tones that the Republican party is the party of progress, the party of freedom, the party of ideals." The Society of the Friends of Music is that party in the domain of total art. Whatsoever is new and strange and hazardous excites profound interest among its members, and when they are listening to music which no one else would venture to produce in public they are in celestial ecstacy."

"It is a canard," repeated Mrs. Lanier, "there has been no dissension."

As she spoke there was nowhere in her mind any coupling in the betting—as a woman put it yesterday—of the Society of the Friends of Music and the Christmas Music Corporation, which by the masterly diplomacy of Mayor Hylan was revealed upon yesterday not to produce its projected program of German light opera at the Lexington Theatre. Mayor Hylan had sent his secretary, Grover A. Whalen, up to the theatre to state as carefully as it might seem desirable to the mind of Grover A. Whalen to state that the Mayor disapproved of German music at this time and that a rather considerable number of soldiers and sailors at large on the ground and otherwise in this great city disapproved of it also.

Never Heard of Whalen.

Nothing like this was in the mind of Mrs. Lanier at all. It may seem an incredible statement—knocking at the door of the monstrous as one woman put it yesterday—to state that there are persons in this great city who never heard of Grover A. Whalen at all. Yet such is the melancholy fact. Mrs. James P. D. Lanier is one of them.

Leaving Grover A. Whalen, therefore, entirely out of the discussion—auterly out of the discussion, as one woman expressed it yesterday—Mrs. Lanier went on to say:

"It is quite within the realm of the possible that there are persons of such natural littleness of mind and spirit as not to appreciate that Beethoven is not only universal (denational or belonging to the whole people, one woman had put it yesterday) but that he was also a great Democrat. The concert of the Friends of Music will be given at Carnegie on April 13. The orchestra will play Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Invariably art is misjudged by the ignorant and the narrow. But can one forever stop and argue the point with the ignorant and the narrow?"

"Then there has been some mention."

"There has been no dissension. A canard, one wonders who could have started it. Art and dissension do not go together. Those who are abreast know, for instance, that in London Brahms' greatest symphony was played as memorial music at a concert in honor of the British dead and that in this country also Beethoven has been played as memorial music by Mr. Damrosch. Is there anything else?"

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BOLDT APPRAISERS ATTACKED. State Comptroller Protests Allowance of \$285,529 Claims.

The State Comptroller's office filed an appeal in the Surrogate's Court yesterday against the appraisal of the estate of the late George F. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, whose will was filed December 28.

WALTERS OFFERS 3 PER CENT. BEER BILL

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to purchase 3 per cent. beverages for home consumption.

"The provisions of the local option law both in the city and in the rural districts are preserved. Any territory which is now dry will continue to be dry, and even non-intoxicating beverages cannot be sold therein. A license for the sale and tax upon the manufacture is provided for in order that a strict enforcement may be accomplished.

"The present Excise Department is retained for the purpose of enforcing the law and regulating the sale and distribution of liquors within the State, so that there may be no traffic whatsoever in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes."

Measure is Attacked.

Robert G. Davey, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, referred to Walters' introduction of the measure as "his attempt to serve the German-American brewers and their ilk."

He said: "We cannot but regard the Walters 'beer bill' as a deliberate attempt to go the limit in an effort to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution. While it is introduced by the leader of the Republican majority, we refuse to believe that the measure has either the endorsement or sympathy of the great body of Republican Senators, and it can in no sense be regarded as a party measure."

"Senator Walters must assume entire responsibility for this ill featured political monstrosity. The Senator has heretofore enjoyed some repute for common sense and political judgment, but surely his worst enemies could not have wished better proof that his claim to such favorable regard was without any foundation in fact."

Predicts Shaking Down.

"It is the time of test that discloses the real man, and it is common knowledge that Senator Walters has been failing at such times. His fellow Senators have had to stand him on his head and shake him down more than once during the session. He will get it again. His attempt to serve the German-American brewers and their ilk will not only fail, but may involve him in consequences which he has not anticipated."

"We are pretty well advised that this move on the part of Senator Walters is not original, that indeed he is simply being made a tool of. Information that we have reason to regard as dependable leads us to suspect that the liquor interests described by A. Mitchell Palmer as a 'vicious alliance' working through certain wet Congressmen are promoting a conspiracy in this and other States with a view to defeating the prohibition and intent of the Federal prohibition amendment."

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Harbor Strikers Call It Paramount Issue and Will Stay Out Until They Get It.

MORE FERRIES RUNNING

Longshoremen to Ask Aid of British Sailors to Block Non-union Pier Work.

Negotiations between the harbor strikers and the private boat owners reached a deadlock last night over the issue of the eight hour day. The members of the New York Boat Owners Association voted unanimously to reject the demand for the eight hour day, which has been granted by the Railroad Administration and other Governmental agencies, and the executive committee so informed James L. Hughes, the Federal conciliator, at a meeting at the Maritime Exchange, 75 Broad street, last night. Neither side would admit after the meeting that there was any immediate possibility of compromise.

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